

REMARKS

To advance prosecution, claim 1 as amended herein has been further amended from the AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL of the Advisory Action dated May 25, 2005 to further define the present invention in a manner to distinguish over the prior art for the same and similar reasons as set forth in the AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL of the Advisory Action. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Further, claim 3 has been amended to further define the support member and its relationship with the other elements of the protractor and ruler combination in a manner to distinguish over the prior art. As the recitations are not suggested by the prior art, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 3 has been overcome for this separate and independent reason.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner identify where each of the through holes and through bores and their relationship with a pivot pin and screw member as recited in claims 5 and 6 are suggested by the prior art. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 5 and 6 has been overcome for this separate and independent reason.

Additionally, claim 9 has been amended to further define the anti-skid pad and its relationship with the other elements of the protractor and ruler combination in a manner to distinguish over the prior art. As the recitations are not suggested by the prior art, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 9 has been overcome for this separate and independent reason.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A-G and I of the February 15, 2005 Official Action and A-E, I and J of the September 9, 2004 Official Action. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's protractor and ruler combination which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to

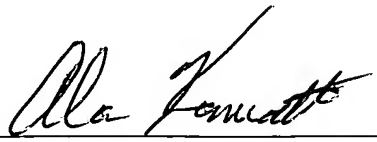
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allow claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9; 12 and 13, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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